

Mediated Policy Effects of Foreign Governments on Iraqi Independent Media During Elections



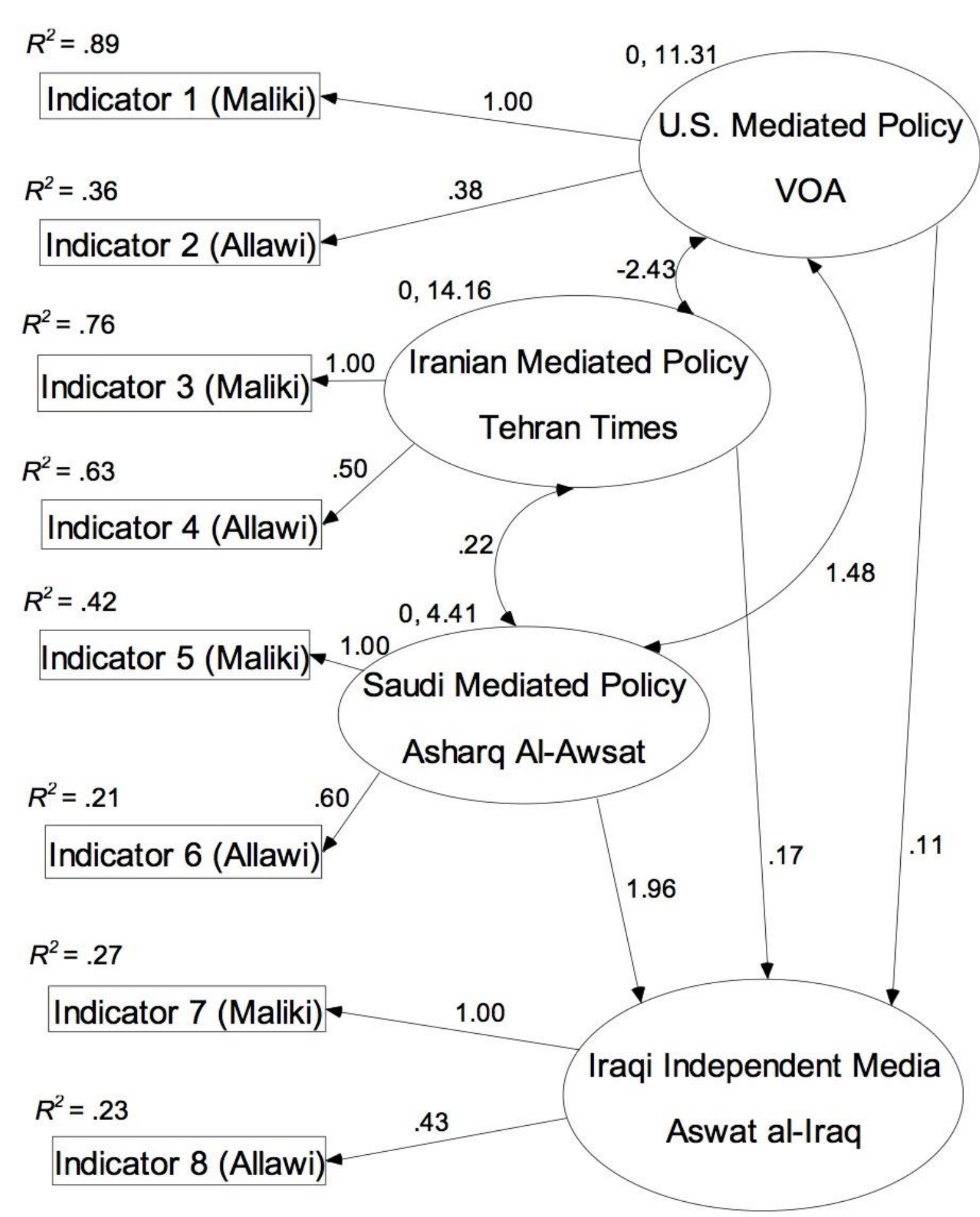
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1. Research Statement

I use the term, *mediated policy*, to refer to messages about Iraq sent by international news media outlets of foreign governments during the Iraqi parliamentary elections of 2010, and I hypothesize that US Mediated Policy, Iranian Mediated Policy, and Saudi Mediated Policy are three latent constructs interacting in a structural model where they influence a fourth latent variable, Iraqi Independent Media. To feed the model with data, I run a content analysis of relevant international and domestic media coverage. I measure saliences (i.e., quantities) of two news media frames, Former Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and Former Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi. The analysis shows that in 2010: (1) English represented a barrier to Iraqi independent media. (2) US foreign policy simultaneously dealt with two opposing regional policies, Iranian and Saudi. (3) There were significant policy messages about Iraq carried by international news media of foreign governments, which evidently influenced Iraqi independent media.

2. Path Analysis



3. Model Fitting

Test	Value
Comparative Fit Index ($CFI > .95$)	.98
Tucker-Lewis Index ($TLI > .95$)	.96
Bentler-Bonett Normed Fit Index ($NFI > .9$)	.92
Bollen's Incremental Fit Index ($IFI > .95$)	.98
Root Mean Square Error of Approximation ($RMSEA < .05$)	.047
Relative Chi Square ($\chi^2_{min} / df < 2$)	1.33

4. Descriptive Statistics

Indicator	N	M	SD
Indicator 1 (Maliki in <i>Voice of America</i> , English)	80	2.11	3.58
Indicator 2 (Allawi in <i>Voice of America</i> , English)	56	1.07	2.12
Indicator 3 (Maliki in <i>Tehran Times</i> , English)	60	1.96	4.34
Indicator 4 (Allawi in <i>Tehran Times</i> , English)	44	1.03	2.39
Indicator 5 (Maliki in <i>Asharq Al-Awsat</i> , Arabic)	77	5.12	3.24
Indicator 6 (Allawi in <i>Asharq Al-Awsat</i> , Arabic)	67	3.37	2.79
Indicator 7 (Maliki in <i>Aswat al-Iraq</i> , Arabic)	173	13.98	8.31
Indicator 8 (Allawi in <i>Aswat al-Iraq</i> , Arabic)	93	5.39	3.79

5. Measurement Coefficients

Measurement Path	Coefficient	SE	p
US Mediated Policy → Indicator 1	1	-	-
US Mediated Policy → Indicator 2	.38	.16	.02
Iranian Mediated Policy → Indicator 3	1	-	-
Iranian Mediated Policy → Indicator 4	.5	.18	.005
Saudi Mediated Policy → Indicator 5	1	-	-
Saudi Mediated Policy → Indicator 6	.6	.22	.005
Iraqi Independent Media → Indicator 7	1	-	-
Iraqi Independent Media → Indicator 8	.43	.15	.006

6. Effect Estimates

Effect Type	Estimate	SE	p
<i>Variance</i>			
US Mediated Policy	11.31	4.97	.02
Iranian Mediated Policy	14.16	5.41	.009
Saudi Mediated Policy	4.41	1.65	.007
<i>Covariance</i>			
US Mediated Policy ↔ Iranian Mediated Policy	-2.43	1.3	.047
US Mediated Policy ↔ Saudi Mediated Policy	1.48	.9	.086
Iranian Mediated Policy ↔ Saudi Mediated Policy	.22	1.04	.8
<i>Causality</i>			
US Mediated Policy → Iraqi Independent Media	.11	.21	.6
Iranian Mediated Policy → Iraqi Independent Media	.17	.18	.36
Saudi Mediated Policy → Iraqi Independent Media	1.96	.5	.000

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